

LAUNCESTON RURAL DISTRICTANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICEROF HEALTH FOR YEAR 1939PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

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SECTION A - Statistics & Social Conditions of Area.

Area	...	73,187 acres
Registrar-General's estimate of		
(a) Resident population mid-1939	...	6,288
(b) Average population appropriate to calculation of death rates	...	6,327
Number of inhabited houses	...	1,884
Product of Penny Rate	...	£63. 15. 9d.
Social Conditions	...	Main Industry is Agriculture and unemployment is negligible.

Vital Statistics

	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Rate per 1000 estimated resident population</u>
<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>				
Legitimate	64	35	29	10.5
Illegitimate	2	1	1	
				Total (live & still) births - 45.5
<u>STILLBIRTHS</u>	3	2	1	
<u>DEATHS</u>	85	45	40	11.9
<u>DEATHS from puerperal causes</u>		<u>Total</u>		<u>Rate per 1000 total live &amp; still births</u>
Puerperal Sepsis	...	Nil		Nil
Other puerperal causes	...	Nil		Nil
	<u>Total</u>	Nil		Nil

DEATH RATE of Infants under one year of age - Total 2  
 All infants per 1000 live births - 30.3  
 Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births - 30.2  
 Illegitimate " " " illegitimate " " - Nil  
DEATHS from Cancer (all ages) ... 12  
 " " Measles " ... Nil  
 " " Whooping Cough " ... Nil  
 " " Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ... Nil



Causes of deaths from Registrar-General's List

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Other Digestive Disease	1	1
Acute & Chronic Nephritis	1	2
Senility	1	3
Suicide	2	0
Other Violence	2	0
Other defined disease	7	6
Ill defined or N.K.	0	1
Diabetes	5	2
Cerebral Haemorrhage	2	1
Heart Disease	9	6
Other Circulatory Disturbance	3	4
Pneumonia	2	1
Other Respiratory Disease	0	1
Appendicitis	1	0
Influenza	1	3
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	0
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	2
Cancer	5	7
Total	<u>45</u>	<u>40</u>

COMMENT:

The death rate per thousand estimated population (11.9) is only slightly lower than England & Wales (12.1) but the birth rate (10.5 per 1000) compares unfavourably with 15.0 for England & Wales.

The low Zymotic Disease Rate and Infant Mortality Rate indicate a good standard of health in the community

SANITARY SECTION

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit for your consideration the Annual Report and Summary of work carried out during the year 1939. Owing to the War, this report will be shorter than usual and should be treated as being of an interim character.

But for the War, 1939 would have been a year of good progress. When hostilities broke out, the Council had agreed to the erection of 12 new cottages for agricultural workers; these, together with the 10 cottages at Stokeclimsland which were being built by the Duchy of Cornwall with subsidy from your Council under the Financial Provisions Act 1938, would have proved a decided boon to agricultural workers in the district. Unfortunately, with the coming of War, the Council was obliged to drop their building programme.

For the same reason another step forward has had to be shelved. I refer to the scheme for regular collection of tins and other refuse to which the Council agreed in principle at their August meeting.



## HOUSING

### HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS) ACTS

During the year, four houses were re-conditioned under these Acts making a total of 10 in all. The maximum grant of £100. has been paid in each case, and the total cost of re-conditioning has worked out at over £2,400.

### HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT 1938

A grant of £10. per house for 40 years has been made to the Duchy of Cornwall in respect of 10 houses to be built for agricultural workers at Stokeclimsland. Four of these houses were completed during the year.

Under the same Act, the Council agreed to build 12 houses in the following districts:-

- 2 Polyphant;
- 2 Lewannick Village;
- 2 Trekenner;
- 4 Stokeclimsland Village.

This Scheme has been postponed until after the War.

### NEW HOUSES

Plans for 12 houses and additions to two other buildings were passed and the following buildings were completed:-

- 4 Cottages, Stokeclimsland;
- 1 Farmhouse, Lawhitton;
- 1 house, Tregadillett.
- Addition to house, Altarnun.
- Addition to Institute, South Pethorwin
- Garage, North Hill.

During the year the new series of Building Byelaws made under the Public Health Act 1936 were approved and adopted.

### OLD HOUSES

Three cottages at Stokeclimsland and a cottage at Trevague, Altarnun, have been reconditioned without grant.

91 Cottages were inspected during the year and 24 cottages were repaired; 4 after the serving of formal notices and the remaining 20 after informal notices.

## MEAT INSPECTION

548 visits were made for the purpose of meat inspection.

The following was condemned and destroyed, the same being unfit for the food of man:-

- 14 Bullock carcasses and offals
- 7 Pig ditto.
- 37 Sheep ditto.
- 1 Carcase of Veal
- 48 Pigs Heads
- Several diseased organs.





## MILK SUPPLIES

It is interesting to note that during the year the number of Designated Milk Producers has risen from 17 Accredited to 28 Accredited Producers and one producer of T.T. Milk.

An increase of 70% in one year is most satisfactory. Here I should like to take the opportunity of paying tribute to the work of Miss Nicholas, the County Dairy Instructress, to whom most of the credit for this increase is due.

There is still room for improvement in both buildings and methods of some milk producers although the general standard has greatly improved.

14 Cowsheds were provided with concrete standings and channels to comply with the Milk & Dairies Order 1926.

### Summary of Inspections

Houses Inspected	91
Houses Repaired	24
Visits re above	192
Visits re Housing (Rural Workers) Acts	51
Visits re new buildings	48
Visits to Cowsheds and Dairies	218
Visits to slaughterhouses &c.	548
Visits to Schools	22
Fumigations	15
Visits re water supplies	86
Visits re drainage works	67
Unclassified visits	116

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant  
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Sanitary Inspector.

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PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND  
OTHER DISEASES

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Total cases notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	7	-	-
Pncumonia	14	1	3
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	2	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Measles	2	-	-

Analysis of above list according to age

	<u>Age</u>									
	1	2	3	5	10	15	20	35	45	65
Scarlet Fever				1	1	1	3		1	
Pneumonia	1		2	1			2	2	2	4
Puerperal Pyrexia							2			
Measles	1				1					

TUBERCULOSIS

<u>Age Periods</u>	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>			
	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>		<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-Resp:</u>	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0								
1		1						
5								
15	2	3			1			
25	1							
35	2				1			
45								
55						1		
65								

The efficiency of notification of Tuberculosis in the area is good.

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